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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN GREECE JULY 23-24-REPORT NO. 1.

1. LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE (1300 LOCAL TIME) JULY 24 INDICATES NEWLY-INSTALLED PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS HAS BEEN MEETING SINCE 1000 HOURS WITH FORMER POLITICAL LEADERS WITH VIEW TOWARD FORMING NEW CABINET. AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME, SWEARING-IN CEREMONY WILL BE HELD. NAMES NEW CABINET MINISTERS NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

2. ALL NEWSPAPERS HIGHLIGHT RETURN OF KARAMANLIS AND HIS SWEARING-IN AT 0415 JULY 24 AS PRIME NEWS. VRADYNI, ABSENT FROM SCENE SINCE LAST DECEMBER, APPEARED IN SPECIAL EDITION JULY 23 WITH FULL PAGE PICTURE KARAMANLIS. ON JULY 24, FIRST EDITION OF MORNING NEWSPAPER, IMERA, WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1966, APPEARED ON STANDS. IMERA IS MORNING SIBLING OF VRADYNI. ATHINAIKI, ORIENTED
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TOWARDS LEFT WING ON CU PARTY, MADE ITS FIRST REAPPEARANCE

SINCE 1967 COUP WITH AFTERNOON EDITION JULY 24. HEADLINING "KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT IS FIRST STEP TO FREEDOM", PAPER ADDS FURTHER THEME THAT "PEOPLE EXPECTING EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT OF THE GUILTY."

3. TO VIMA STRESSED THAT GREEKS ARE FREE AND UNITED ONCE MORE BUT THAT QUESTION OF ELECTIONS MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN. VRADYNI STRESSES THAT "LEAST" NEW GOVERNMENT CAN DO IMMEDIATELY IS TO FREE THOSE PERSECUTED AND IMPRISONED FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES RELATED RESTORATION NORMALCY. ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS EDITORIAL MOSTLY SELF-CONGRATULATORY IN NATURE, I.E., PUBLISHER CONSTANTOPOULOS REMINDS READERS HE HAD ARGUED CONSISTENTLY THAT "KARAMANLIS IS ONLY SOLUTION." AKROPOLIS CARRIED NO EDITORIAL.

4. ONE LEAD ITEM JULY 24 IMERA RELATES TO FREEING OF FORMER CU AND FDK MINISTER CONSTANTINE MITSOTAKIS WHO HAD JUST BEEN CONVICTED IN CRETE FOR VIOLATING MARTIAL LAW.

5. ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS CARRIED REPORT THAT IN COURSE OF GENERAL MEETING JULY 24 CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS, PRESIDENT STATED THAT BRIG. GEN. IOANNIDES (ESA CHIEF) WOULD NO LONGER BE INVOLVED WITH POLITICAL MATTERS. ON SIMILAR THEME, NEWLY PUBLISHED IMERA REPORTED THA IOANNIDES HAD RESIGNED FROM THE ARMY. EMBASSY CANNOT CORROBORATE THIS REPORT.

6. VRADYNI JULY 24 REPORTS THAT MIKIS THEODORAKIS, POPULAR AND CONTROVERSIAL GREEK COMPOSER, SCHEDULED RETURN ATHENS THIS EVENING. SAME REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT MELINA MERCOURI WILL ALSO ARRIVE HERE SOON.

7. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU QUOTED IN JULY 24 VRADYNI AS STATING IN ROME PREVIOUS EVENING THAT NEW GOVERNMENT IN GREECE WILL BE "WARD OF NATO WHILE REAL POWER WILL REMAIN IN HANDS OF US, NATO AND GREEK ARMED FORCES." PAPANDREOU CONCLUDES THAT "PAK" (HIS RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION) WILL "CONTINUE ITS STRUGGLE FOR COMPLETE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, THE ABSOLUTE POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY AND THE SOCIAL FREEDOM OF GREEK WORKING CLASSES."

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